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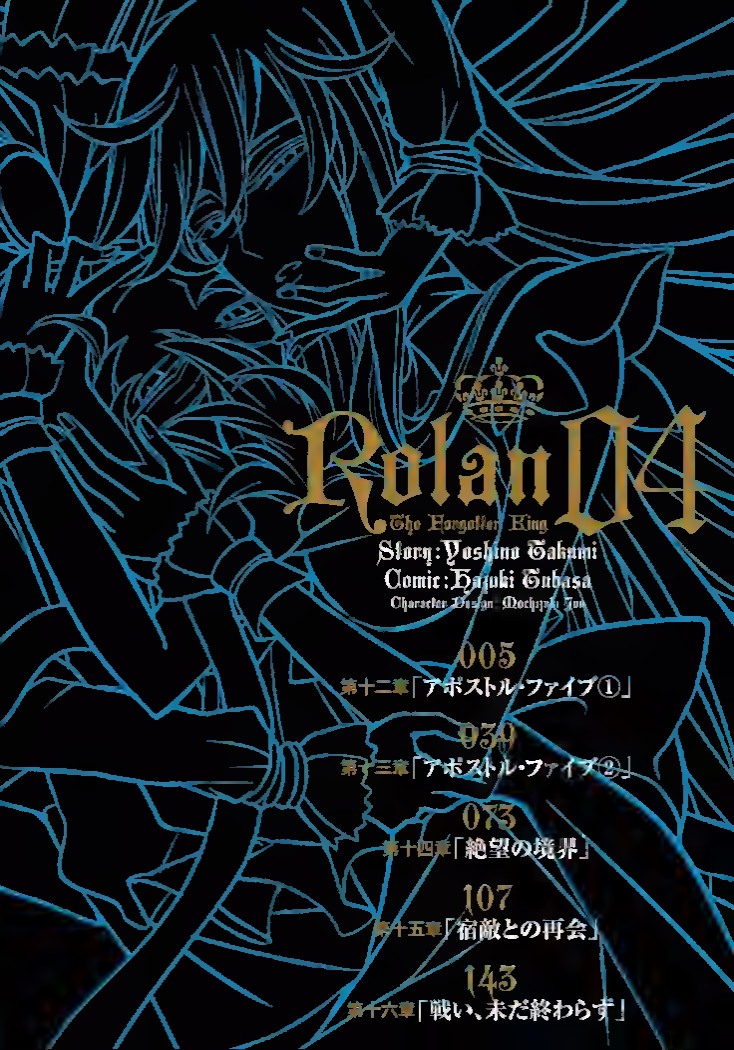

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OUR ALMIGHTY LORD...

YET AGAIN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS COMPLETELY CHANGED DURING THE TIME I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.
...AS FAR AS THAT GOES, WILL THAT DEMON KING BE ABLE TO HIJACK MY BODY SOMEDAY?
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION OF IT, DID I BECOME A DIFFERENT PERSON?
WHAT IN THE HELL HAPPENED TO ME?
THE FIGURE OF THE TEST ALLOWED ME TO SEE A CHANCE IN THE DEMONS AND DIDN'T AMOUNT TO ANY QUESTION.

WORRYING LIKE THAT IS UNNECESSARY, ROLAN-SAMA.

THE OUTERMOST CONSCIOUSNESS IS DEFINITELY STILL THAT OF ROLAN'S M
EVEN IF THE MEMORIES OF THE PAST TEMPORARILY RETURNED
FURTHERMORE, YOU HAVE THE MOST RECENT MEMORIES.
ROLAN-SAMA'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS ALSO ONE PART OF MY LORD.
AND NOT FOR THE "HUMAN ROLAN."
HOWEVER, I MUST NOT MISUNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. SHION IS CARRYING A ZEALOUS LOYALTY TOWARDS THE FORMER DEMON KING.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE IN WHAT THAT FAVORABLE SHION WAS SAYING.

ALL OF HER EVALUATION CRITERIA IS CENTERED AROUND THE DEMON KING.... I MUST NOT FORGET THAT.

...HOWEVER, THANKS TO THAT VICTOR DESTROYING THE SKY SHIP WE NEED TIME TO REPAIR IT.
AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO URGENTLY FINISH MODIFYING MY USUAL LT WEAPON.
NIKE AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALL SHOWN THEIR ALLEGIANCE
BE THAT AS IT MAY, I SHOULD HAVE WELCOMED THE FLOW OF THE PRESENT CONDITIONS.
THEREFORE, IT'S BECOME A SITUATION WHERE I WILL NEED TO STAY A FEW MORE DAYS OUT OF NECESSITY
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT.
THE TELEGRAM FROM ETOILE SAID I GOT A LETTER FROM A WOMAN.
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THE CONTENTS WERE...
"THERE IS SOMEONE AFTER ROLAN'S LIFE."
RIGHT NOW THE UNION'S .....
SIAM
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY SUCH WOMAN,
BUT I DO KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WANTING TO KILL ME.

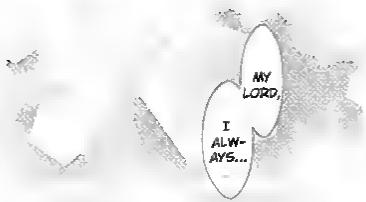
TAP
IF YOU SO DESIRE.

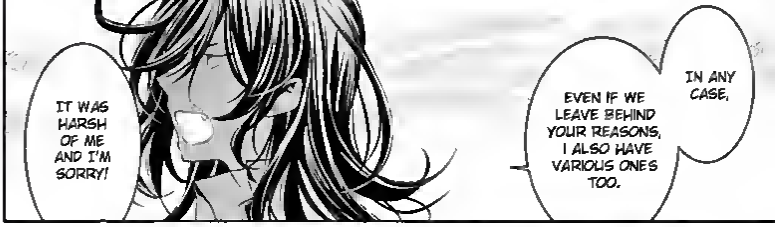
RUSTLE...
...YOU.

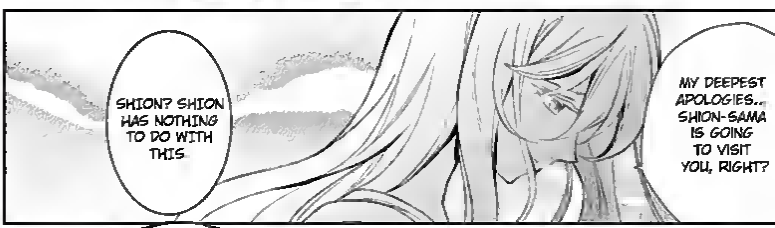
IF YOU ARE SO DISPLEASED THAT YOU'RE TREMBLING THEN THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME HERE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE IT, I KNOW.
...BUT,
WHEN WE TALKED IN THAT CABIN?
THAT'S WHAT MY LORD SAID.

...I DIDN'T COME HERE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE ORDER YOU GAVE ME.
THA-T'S... ...THAT
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE MY RIGHT ARM ANYMORE?
YOU WENT FROM BEING SO DISTRUSTFUL TO SUDDENLY SNEAKING INTO MY ROOM?!
YOUR LITTLE BROTHER WOULD BE OPENLY WEEPING.
YOU COULD SEE THAT I WASN'T PLEASED, RIGHT?

IN THOSE DAYS...
...BUT,


MY LORD, I ALW-AYS...


IT WAS HARSH OF ME AND I'M SORRY!
EVEN IF WE LEAVE BEHIND YOUR REASONS, I ALSO HAVE VARIOUS ONES TOO.
IN ANY CASE,


SHION? SHION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES., SHION-SAMA IS GOING TO VISIT YOU, RIGHT?

MY LORD DOESN'T DO THINGS LIKE EXCHANGE EASY LOVE!
I UNDERSTAND, EVEN IF SHION-SAMA VISITS YOUR ROOM EVERY NOW AND THEN

I THINK YOU AND SHION ARE IN THE SAME POSITION IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.
WE'RE IN THE SAME POSITION!?

CLUTCH
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT!?
I GUESS
RUSTLE
IF YOU'RE SATISFIED, THEN RETURN TO YOUR ROOM.
WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR ROOM TAKE MY CLOAK AND WEAR IT.
YOU'RE LETTING ME WEAR YOUR CLOTHING!
!!
THAT?
TRUTHFULLY, YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLY CUTE PERSONALITY.

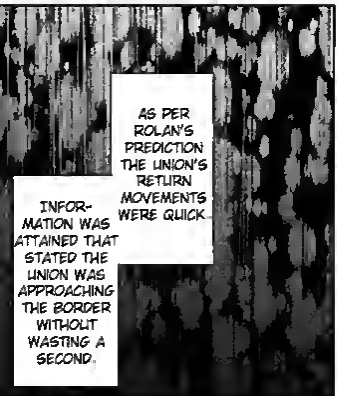
BOING
GAAAAH
SLAM
SHYLY
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GENUINE DEMON KING-SAMA.
GAH!
ANYWAY, JUST "ROLAN" IS FINE.
YOU WERE IN THAT SANCTUARY?
I WAS THERE PROP-ERLY.
WHEN I COME OUT, I CAN BECOME TRANS-PARENT.
THAT'S A PRETTY HANDY POWER, HUH?
GET RID OF THAT "GENUINE "

AS EXPECTED, JUST LIKE RENA, YOU ARE ALSO SNEAKING INTO MY ROOM AT NIGHT.
EHHHH!? NO WAY!
THAT... WOULD BE A HAPPY THING, BUT FOR ME IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
?
AH!
OR, COULD IT BE THAT ROLAN-SAMA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING?
CLAP
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'THAT SORT OF THING'?
THE AGE THAT YOU APPEAR TO BE?
WELL, WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
UM... I WAS THINKING ABOUT SHOWING MY LORD MY FORM ACCURATELY.
SHYLY

I THOUGHT I'D COME HERE TO PROPERLY GREET YOU IN MY REAL FORM.
I DID THAT BEFORE AS WELL.
REAL FORM?
YOU CAN TRANS-FORM?
NO, NOT AS IT IS.
BUT, THIS FORM IS MY REALITY.
I HAVE ONLY SHOWN ROLAN-SAMA... I MEAN, THE DEMON KING.
NONE OF MY COMRADES NEED TO SEE THE REAL ME.

...WELL, FOR NOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND ONE THING BUT YOU ALSO ARE GETTING ALONG WITH ME PRETTY WELL, HUH?
...YES.
SQUEEZE
I WILL
DO MY BEST FOR ROLAN-SAMA.

BECAUSE OF THAT, LIM...
PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR PROMISE...
OKAY?
HEY, THAT DEMON KING.


AS PER ROLAN'S PREDICTION THE UNION'S RETURN MOVEMENTS WERE QUICK.
INFOR-MATION WAS ATTAINED THAT STATED THE UNION WAS APPROACHING THE BORDER WITHOUT WASTING A SECOND.

IRONICALLY, THAT INFORMA-TION TOOK FLIGHT DUE TO SHION'S ORDERS. BECAUSE SEVERAL DEMONS WERE BROUGHT ALONG THEY WERE ABLE TO SCOUT OUT THE FAR OFF DESTI-NATION OF THE UNION SOLDIERS.
THOSE GUYS COULD BE SEEN SCOUTING OUT THE UNION'S TERRITORY FROM THE SKY.

HE'S GOING TO LET ME COLLECT ALL THE DEBTS FROM THE PAST, ISN'T HE?

ETOILE AND THE OTHERS HEARD THAT FROM SHION.
THE LARGE ARMY THAT ESCAPED FROM THE PREVIOUS DEFEAT FILLED UP THE HORIZON
THE AMOUNT WAS 200,000.
...AMENTI HAD NO INTENTION OF ADVANCING WITH ALL THE INVADING TROOPS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
IT SEEMS HE HAS DISPATCHED DIVISIONS 2 AND 3 TO INVADE.
PROBABLY BECAUSE THE OVAL CASTLE FELL IN ONE RUSH, HE INTENDS TO CAPTURE THE ROYAL CAPITAL WITH HIS TROOPS.
..."USING COMMON SENSE ONE MUST ASSUME THAT THE MILITARY FORCE IS PROBABLY NOT DISPERSED."

---IS THE BLUNDER WE WERE CONVINCED OF
HOWEVER, DON'T WE HAVE ANY REINFORCEMENTS?
THE UNION BEING ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BORDER IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME.
... IS THERE NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN BE DONE?
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS DEFEND THE EMPIRE TO OUR VERY LAST MAN.
WE CERTAINLY HAVE THEM TO THANK FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN TOUR PREVIOUSLY.
BUT, IF YOU WERE TO ASK, THEY WERE ONLY FOLLOWING LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROLAN'S ORDERS!
WITH THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL'S CURRENT ABSENCE WE CANNOT COUNT ON THE DEMONS' WAR POTENTIAL!!
SLAM
REIN-FORCE-MENTS!?
THOSE GUYS ARE DEMONS! THEY CAN'T BE RELIED ON!

WELL THEN,
MY NIECE WAS SUCCESSFUL, I GUESS
RIGHT NOW SHE IS ACTING AS MY PROXY BUT EVENTUALLY SOMEONE WILL RISE UP TO REPLACE ME.
IF SOMEONE DIDN'T RISE UP AS THE SYMBOL OF THE COUNTRY IT'D BE TROUBLESOME.
H-HUH?
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
...IT'S OF NO USE.
...HER HIGHNESS?

TO GET EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL WILL TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME FOR NOW THOUGH.
RIGHT NOW, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HEIGHT OF ALL THE CONFUSION WE HAVE REFORMED THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN OUR ARMY
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE POSITION OF PROXY FOR MY UNCLE...
I'M GOING TO...
TELL HER HIGHNESS WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS FOR POLITENESS
EVEN IF WE LEAVE ALL OF THAT BEHIND, WE CAN SAY THAT OUR TROOPS ARE ON THE BRINK OF EXHAUSTION THANKS TO THE LONG YEARS OF WAR.
THE IDEA OF ATTACKING AN ENEMY OF 200,000 WITH A SMALL ARMED FORCE IN THE ORDER OF TENS OF THOUSANDS IS TO UNREASONABLE
AT LEAST THAT MANY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO GATHER IN THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL FROM VARIOUS PLACES
THIS IS A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE IT'D BE A FOOLISH IDEA TO NOT COMMAND THE ARMY TO TAKE A MORE DEFENSIVE DIRECTION NEAR THE OVAL CASTLE.

A SIEGE BATTLE ...?
SIGH
A SIEGE ...!?
GASP
S
SURELY...
THE EMPIRE IS ALREADY OUT OF WAR POTENTIAL.
BECAUSE OF THAT, SUCH A FIGHT WOULD..
...WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'S AN EXTREME OUTLOOK.

EVEN SO, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
IN THE REMOTE PAST THAT PERSON ALSO TAUGHT ME THAT.
IT IS INDEED AN EXTREME OUTLOOK FOR SURE
BUT,
JOHANN'S WAY OF SAYING IT.
BA-DUMP
LISTEN UP, PRINC-ESS.
AS A TACTIC, I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR BESIEGING, BUT IT'S RELATIVELY EFFECTIVE.
HOW-EVER,

DOING A SIEGE SHOULD STOP BEING USED AS A "LAST MEASURE."
ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S NO HOPE OF RECEIVING ANY LARGE SCALE REINFORCE-MENTS, IT'S ABSOLUTELY, AND I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY, NO GOOD.
WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S LIKE ENTERING THE POINT OF DEATH.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A LARGE ARMY SURROUNDED THE CASTLE FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES WERE CUT OFF AND WE WERE PULLED INTO A DRAWN-OUT WAR?
THEN NOTHING MORE COULD BE DONE.
IF THAT COMES TO BE WHAT WOULD YOU DO, PRINCESS?

THAT'S RIGHT.
AFTER THAT TRAITORS WOULD COME OUT AND EVERYTHING WOULD COLLAPSE FROM THE INSIDE, RIGHT?
THAT'S ONE OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES.
THE PRINCESS' CHOICE ISN'T INCORRECT BUT THEN THE BATTLE CAN'T BE WON, RIGHT?
?
WELL THEN, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?
.....
SURRENDER... RIGHT?
THAT'S TODAY'S HOMEWORK
WHAT!?
ROLAN, YOU'RE SO MEAN!!
TOMORROW, BRING ALL YOUR NOTES.
WHAT'S THAT!? I'M JUST SAYING WHAT A TEACHER SHOULD SAY!

...I'M VERY MUCH AN AMATEUR WHEN IT COMES TO MILITARY AFFAIRS.
HOWEVER, PLEASE LET ME SPEAK.
ENTERING INTO AN AIMLESS SIEGE IS JUST LIKE ENTERING THE POINT OF DEATH.
I WAS TAUGHT THAT BY A CERTAIN PERSON IN THE PAST.
BESIDES, IN GENERAL THERE'S NO METHOD TO THAT PATH.
I THINK FOR NOW, THAT PLAN SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

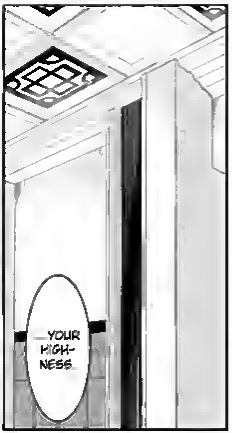
...AH.
THESE PEOPLE
UNDERSTOOD THIS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

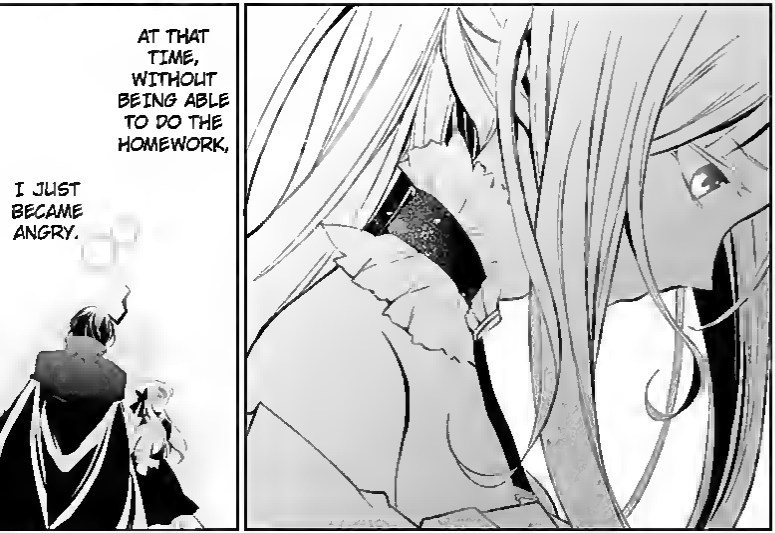
A SIEGE BATTLE IS NOT A PLAN OF CERTAIN VICTORY...

FROM THE BEGINNING EVERYONE WAS PREPARED AND INTENDING TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT WANTING TO WIN... BUT,

THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN WIN LIKE THAT...



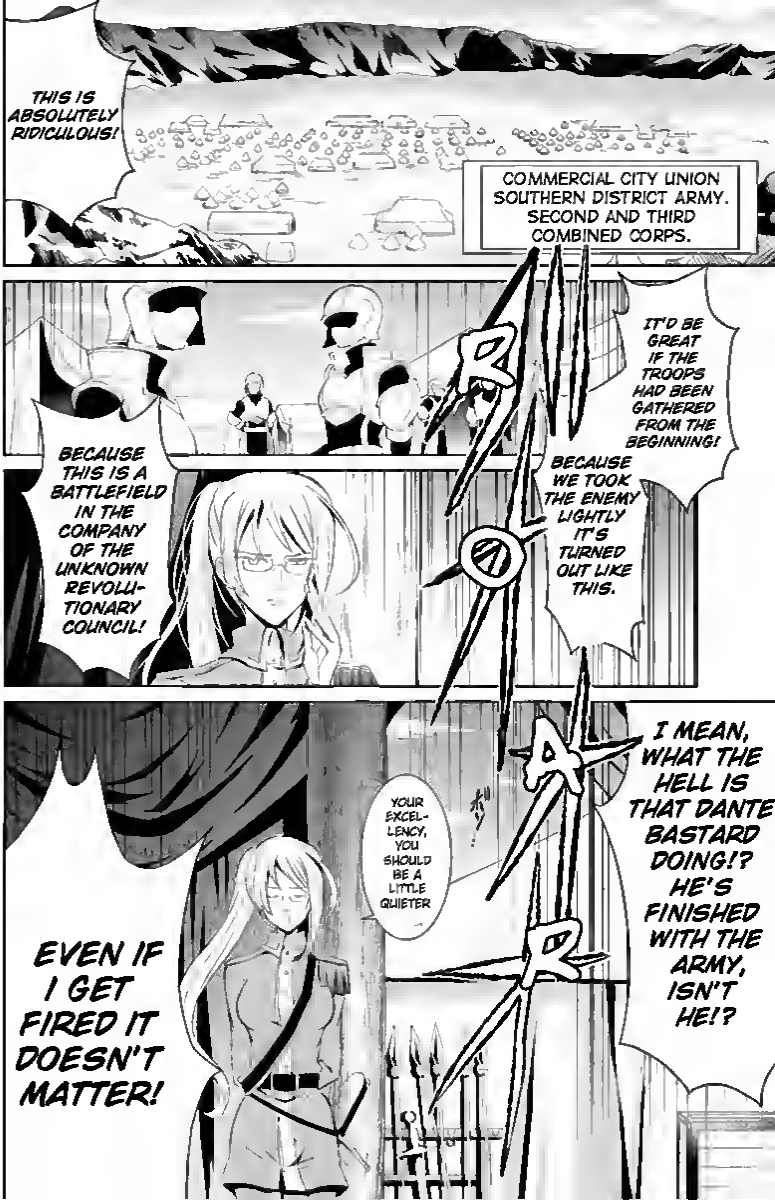

AT THAT TIME, WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO DO THE HOMEWORK,
I JUST BECAME ANGRY.

WHOOSH
WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
ROLAN...?

FURY.
WE WOULD NEVER FIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF HUM-ANS...
EVERY-THING IS FOR OUR ALMIGHTY LORD.
WHOOSH

YES...
EVERYTHING IS FOR OUR ALMIGHTY LORD.

FOR THE NEW WORLD WHERE ALL OUR COMRADES WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE PEACEFULLY.
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
...TODAY IS QUIET, HUH?


THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!
COMMERCIAL CITY UNION SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARMY. SECOND AND THIRD COMBINED CORPS.
IT'D BE GREAT IF THE TROOPS HAD BEEN GATHERED FROM THE BEGINNING!
BECAUSE WE TOOK THE ENEMY LIGHTLY IT'S TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.
BECAUSE THIS IS A BATTLEFIELD IN THE COMPANY OF THE UNKNOWN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL!
I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT DANTE BASTARD DOING!? HE'S FINISHED WITH THE ARMY, ISN'T HE!?
YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE QUIETER...
EVEN IF I GET FIRED IT DOESN'T MATTER!

THE NEW WEAPON FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS ARRIVED!
SNAP
WHAT?
AN LT WEAPON?
WHEN THAT HAPPENS I'LL TAKE THE PLACE OF MY FATHER AND I'LL BE THE HUNTER!!
MAJOR GENERAL FELTNER.
SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER. MAJOR GENERAL FELTNER.

ROAR
ROAR
SUCH A
NO WAY.
WHOOSH
THAT IS

◆商業都市連合の切り札登場!?

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H-HERE SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS ADMIN
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM THEN.
MORE PROJECTS?
toss
WHAT?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
THOSE WERE REALY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
AGAIN?!
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL~
WE CAN'T DO ANYTING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
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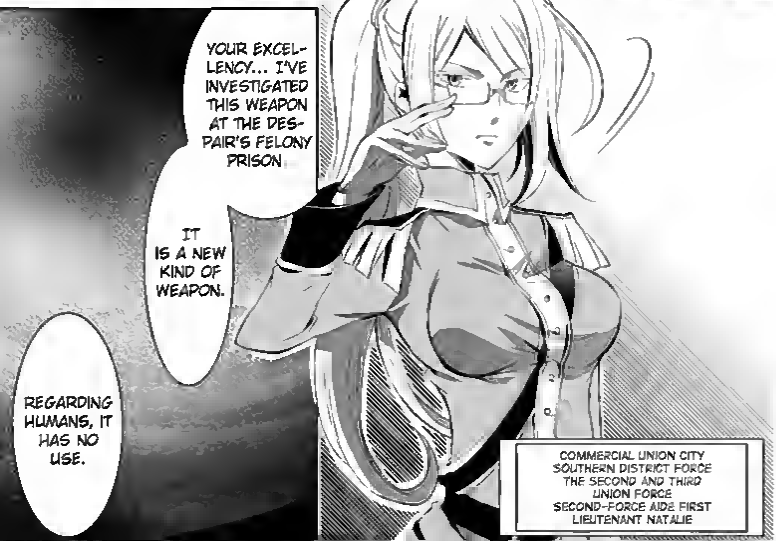
THIS IS ROLAN'S PREVIOUS EXISTENCE
LAST TIME'S SUMMARY IS POPULAR! ROLAN-SAN!
DEMON KING
PLEASE RECOVER THE FLAG QUICKLY!!
早くフラグ回収してください!!
AFTER ALL, HE WAS A 1ST CLASS FLAG MAKER.
SINCE THAT TIME
HOLD ME
IT'S A PROMISE
IF YOU WERE ALSO A WOMAN, THEN THE FLAG WOULD STAND ERECT, BUT...
OH DEAR GOD
THAT REALLY IS TOO BAD, YOU KNOW?
YOU'RE DROPPING THE BOMB LIKE THAT! KNOCK IT OFF! YOU'RE JUST INVITING A MISUNDERSTANDING!
IT'S A JOKE!

THE BOUNDARY OF DESPAIR
WELL, WE WILL MAKE USE OF IT...

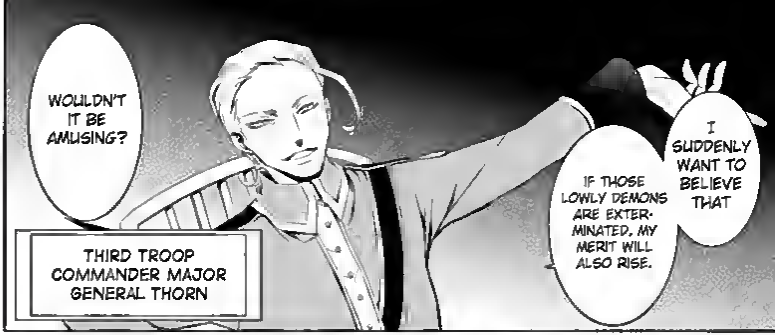
◆新兵器の実力とは…!?

WA!
I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WHEN I GOT HERE.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT.
?
?
HEY
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE WHAT OUR LEADER KNOWS?


YOUR EXCELLENCY... I'VE INVESTIGATED THIS WEAPON AT THE DESPAIR'S FELONY PRISON
IT IS A NEW KIND OF WEAPON.
REGARDING HUMANS, IT HAS NO USE.
COMMERCIAL UNION CITY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT FORCE
THE SECOND AND THIRD UNION FORCE
SECOND-FORCE AIDE FIRST LIEUTENANT NATALIE

IT'S FOR ANTI-DEMON USE.
WHISPER
IN OTHER WORDS—
WHAT!!!
IF YOU DO THAT SOME-THING BAD WILL HAPPEN!
SURPRISE
YO-UR YOUR EXCEL-LENCY!!

AS FOR OUR ENEMY, THAT MEANS THE DEMONS ARE ALSO JOINING IN!!!
THAT'S KIND OF A LOUD VOICE...
THE UNION'S ORDINARY SOLDIERS' BELIEF IN THE DEMONS' RETURN HAD TRULY BEGUN THIS TIME
SPEAKING OF "DESPAIR," IT RECEIVED DAMAGE FROM SOMEONE'S PREVIOUS ATTACK.
I HEARD THAT THE HIGHLIGHT OF THAT OCCASION WAS THE DEMONS ESCAPING.
SO, THIS IS TOOL'S MYSTERIOUS ATTACK
THE COUNCIL-- THE COMMANDER LIKELY ASSUMED THEY WERE TRYING TO UNITE THE DEMONS AND THE EMPIRE TOGETHER
BUT, IS IT WHY? BECAUSE HUMANS AND DEMONS HAVE A MUTUAL ENEMY?
HU HO...
SO THE BOUNDARY OF DESPAIR HAS THAT KIND OF EFFECT...
Y- YES.


WOULDN'T IT BE AMUSING?
THIRD TROOP COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL THORN
IF THOSE LOWLY DEMONS ARE EXTERMINATED, MY MERIT WILL ALSO RISE.
I SUDDENLY WANT TO BELIEVE THAT

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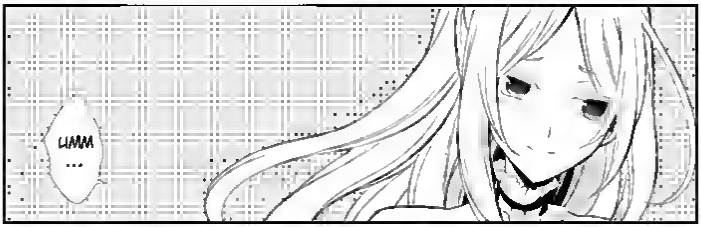
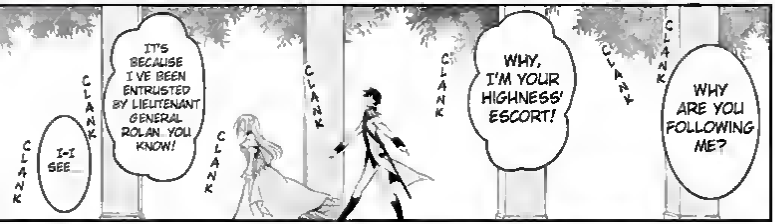
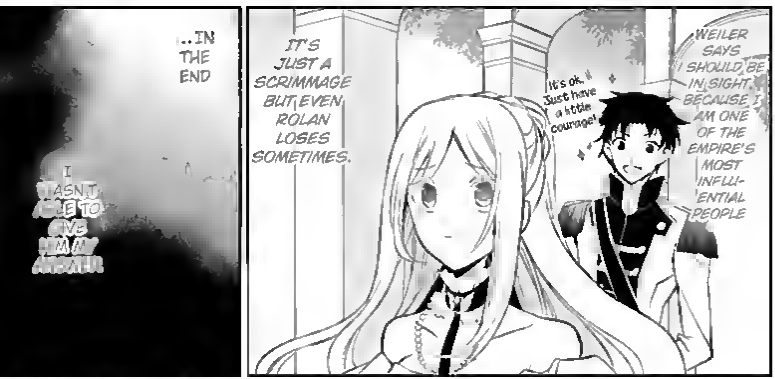





...IN THE END
I WASN'T ABLE TO GIVE HIM MY ANSWER.
IT'S JUST A SCRIMMAGE BUT, EVEN ROLAN LOSES SOMETIMES.
It's ok. Just have a little courage!
WEILER SAYS I SHOULD BE IN SIGHT, BECAUSE I AM ONE OF THE EMPIRE'S MOST INFLUI-ENTIAL PEOPLE

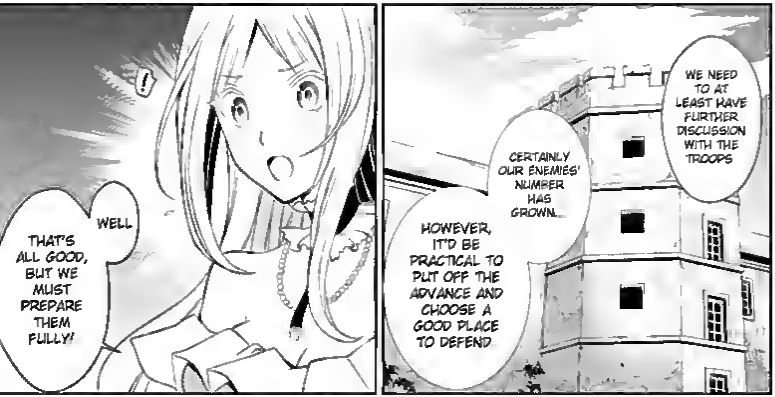
NOTE FROM Q/C IF YOU'RE CONFUSED BY WHY SHE SEEMS TO THINK OF COMPLETELY RANDOM THINGS ONE AFTER THE OTHER, WELL YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.

I NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME
...PLEASE
I DON'T LIKE THE DEMONS. AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO NOTICE
BECAUSE THE EMPIRE NOW CONSIDERS THE DEMONS' COOPERATION NECESSARY
IT'S REGRETTABLE BUT
..I'LL JUST HAVE TO ASK SHION AND SEE.
THAT'S SIMPLEST THING I UNDERSTAND!

WHA?
DO YOU TRUST THE DEMONS?
SO WEILER

NOT AT ALL!
AREN'T THE DEMONS EVIL?
BUT THEN HAVING SAID 'EVIL DEMON'
ONE WILL BE REFORMED ONCE THEY FEEL THE DEPTH OF THE LIEUTENANT'S BOSOM...
MOVED
SO THAT'S WHAT I THINK
DON'T YOU AGREE?
BO-
BOS-OM, HUH?
CLACK CLACK
THAT DEMON HOWEVER, FOR ROLAN TO USE THE SKY SHOP, ONE WOULD NEED TO BE INSIDE THE CASTLE AND ALL, RIGHT?
I SEE I UNDER-STAND
UM, JUST A MOMENT, I'M GOING TO SPEAK WITH SHION AND THE REST
CLACK CLACK
CLACK CLACK
THE DEMONS? THEY'VE BEEN OFFERED AN ENTIRE BARRACKS TO STAY IN
CLACK CLACK
WHA...!? WAIT... IT'S DANGEROUS YOUR HIGHNESS!

GRUMBLE
YOU DON'T INTEND TO ATTACK THE UNION WITH ONLY THIS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE?
ROLAN-SAMA COMMANDS THAT IN HIS ABSENCE THAT BY MY JUDGMENT WE WILL FIGHT.
THAT'S A RATHER STUPID QUESTION... SHION WILL ACT ONLY BY ROLAN-SAMA'S ORDERS.
BY WHOSE ORDER WILL THERE BE AN ATTACK?
WE ARE NOW PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK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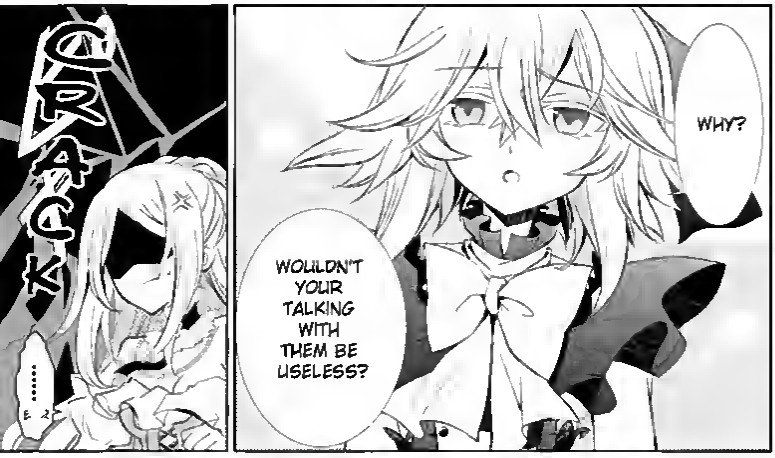
WELL
THAT'S ALL GOOD, BUT WE MUST PREPARE THEM FULLY!
WE NEED TO AT LEAST HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE TROOPS
CERTAINLY OUR ENEMIES' NUMBER HAS GROWN...
HOWEVER, IT'D BE PRACTICAL TO PUT OFF THE ADVANCE AND CHOOSE A GOOD PLACE TO DEFEND


WHY?
WOULDN'T YOUR TALKING WITH THEM BE USELESS?
ORZ
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GAH GAH
GAH GAH
P...
PLEASE!
P-PATIENCE! PATIENCE NOW!
BECAUSE I CAME TO TALK WITH HER...!!
SURELY YOU'D WANT TO HEAR ME OUT.

THEN WE ATTACK OUR ENEMIES.
UNTIL WE REACH TOOL FROM THE NATIONAL BORDER, WE MUST CROSS THE VALLEY WHILE WE CAN.
.....
MAYBE IT'S THE ROAD THAT COMES OUT OF MT. FIYU?
IT'S THE SMALL, NARROW ROAD BETWEEN CAROLINE PLATEAU AND MT. FIYU THAT IS TOOL'S CONNECTION TO THE NATIONAL
YOU THINK SO? COULD BE...
AT BEST IT EXTENDS SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS BUT,-- HOW-EVER...
IF IT WAS ME I WOULDN'T STOP THEM...
THAT IS YOUR HUMAN CIRCUM-STANCES
AFTER ALL... WE ALL FLY.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY GO AROUND AND CUT IN BECAUSE THE UNION TROOPS ARE ABOVE AND THE PLATEAU IS SHORTER THAN THAT MOUNTAIN ANYWAY...

ROLAN-SAMA WILL SOON GATHER THE "APOSTLE FIVE" AND RETURN.
THAT IS THE ONLY MOMENT TO WORK TOWARD.
IF OUR OPPONENT DECIDES TO CLIMB THE PLATEAU
WE WILL CRUSH THE WORTHLESS BEINGS UNTIL THEY'RE SLAUGHTERED!

OUR ENEMY IS FAST... IF THERE AREN'T ANY ADVANCING TROOPS THERE, WHAT ROAD WILL THEY TURN UP ON?
THAT IS ROLAN-SAMA'S THOUGHT ON THE MATTER.
NAA, ITS GREAT THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL IS POPULAR!
NOPE
...EVEN IF THEY STOP THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR THE ADVANCING TROOPS TO HOLD BACK IS THERE?
ZWIP
ME?
I'M HIS TRUSTED FRIEND.
UM SHION!
HE'S EVEN BEING ACCOMPANIED BY THAT DEMON.
SO COOL!
.....
YOU'RE ALWAYS FOLLOWING ROLAN-SAMA AROUND BUT... WHO ARE YOU?

I HAVE A REQUEST!
AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL THE ADVANCING TROOP'S ARRANGEMENTS ARE READY!!
THEN THE IMPERIAL FORCES CAN MOBILIZE WITH US.

...NO.
BA-
BUMP

TOGE-
THER
WITH
YOU
HUM-
ANS...
?
FU
WH-
WHAT?
I
REFUSE.
RETRE-
TING IS
REPU-
LSIVE...
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HUMANS
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SHION-
SAMA
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...STILL,
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BETTER
TO HAVE
KILLED
THEM.
THAT IS
REPU-
LSIVE

DEMONS...
WE WANNA KILL...
KILL!
WHOOOOOAAA
TRAITOROUS HUMANS...
YOU'RE GONNA DIE!
IF WE DIDN'T HAVE KOLAN-SAMA'S COMMAND YOU'D ALL BE DEAD
FILTHY HUMANS THAT I WILL
KILL.
I ASSURE YOU THAT IS WHAT I INTEND.
IF I WAS THAT PERSON IN A TIME LIKE THIS...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WILL THEY EVEN HEAR ME OUT?
THEY WON'T LEND AN EAR TO WHAT I, A HUMAN, HAVE TO SAY AFTER ALL.
HOPELESS...
...IT'S

... AH
BREATHE
... SHI-ON
SO_
IT'S GOOD IF IT'S LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
BLINK
SO ISN'T OUR COLLAB-ORATING
CERTAINLY ROLAN'S WISH, THEN?

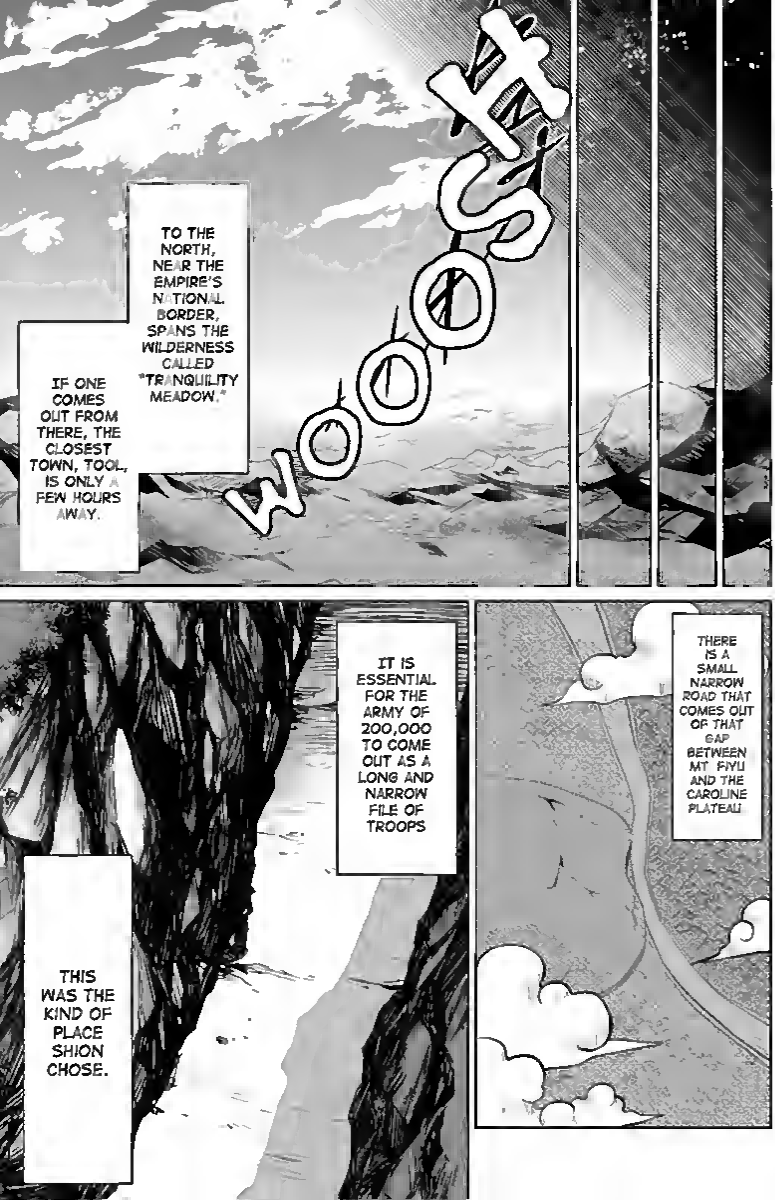
ROLAN WOULD NEVER BE HAPPY WITH YOU ACTING ON YOUR OWN!!"
GOOOO
BUT I PROPOSE AN ALLANCE
AND YOU DON'T WANT TO GRANT ROLAN'S WISH?!

DEFLATE

HUMANS DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY FAITH IN US, BUT...
SHION-SAMA WON'T LISTEN TO YOUR REQUEST
YOU HUMANS MISUNDERSTAND...
THANKS ROLAN!
RE-
REALLY?!
IF ITS ROLAN-SAMA'S WISH I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
SIGH
SHI-
SHION-SAMA?!
IT'S ALL FOR ROLAN-SAMA'S SAKE...
AS LONG AS THAT IS WHAT IS WISHED FOR, WE WILL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER WITH YOU HUMANS...
...SO HURRY IT UP...

...BEFORE SHION-SAMA CHANGES HER MIND.
UH, UM PLEASE WAIT? IF YOU ALLOW ME TIME TO PREPARE
I WILL TRY TO TALK TO JOHAN AND MY UNCLE!
RUN
AH
PLEASE WAIT YOUR HIGH-NESS!
.....
THE TRICK THAT I GAMBLED ON WORKED!
STEP
STEP
STEP
I DON'T FULLY UNDER-STAND THE APOSTLE FIVE BUT
UNTIL ROLAN BRINGS BACK THE DEMONS' LT WEAPON, IF WE DON'T GET OURSELVES SOME TIME, THEN ..!

WHY DO THEY HATE HUMANS ...?
THE ATTITUDE SHION HAS...
THE DEMONS MAY HATE HUMANS BUT...
STEP
STEP


WOOOSH
TO THE NORTH, NEAR THE EMPIRE'S NATIONAL BORDER, SPANS THE WILDERNESS CALLED "TRANQUILITY MEADOW."
IF ONE COMES OUT FROM THERE, THE CLOSEST TOWN, TOOL, IS ONLY A FEW HOURS AWAY.
THERE IS A SMALL NARROW ROAD THAT COMES OUT OF THAT GAP BETWEEN MT. FIYU AND THE CAROLINE PLATEAU.
IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ARMY OF 200,000 TO COME OUT AS A LONG AND NARROW FILE OF TROOPS
THIS WAS THE KIND OF PLACE SHION CHOSE.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER ETOILE'S JOINT STRATEGY WAS SET
SHION FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE SMALL ROAD BEFORE THE UNION.
WE WILL SURROUND THEM HERE. THIS WILL BE THE UNION'S TRAP
WILL THE HUMANS BE FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH US?
FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL... WE'LL ENTRUST SURROUNDING THEM TO THE HUMANS.
WHEN THE ENEMY RETREATS...
WE'LL PURSUE AND STRIKE.
I UNDERSTAND.
FURY... YOU'VE SAID IT BEFORE BUT, IT SEEMS YOU WON'T FIGHT ALONGSIDE THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE HUMANS. .
ALL WILL BECOME MIGHTY BY MEANS OF OUR MASTER.
WHOOO
PLEASE EXCUSE ME SHION-SAMA.
ONLY, THE HUMANS' STRENGTH TO TAKE ON THE 200,000 IS LACKING...
WILL THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO DEFEND AGAINST THEM?

G.A.S.P
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF WE JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
THEN DOESN'T THAT JUST MEAN WE SLAUGHTER THEM ALL?
SHION-SAMA?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
H.A.A.
BY THAT SHION... FEELS...
THAT BEFORE LONG THE APOSTLE FIVE
WILL ARRIVE WITH OUR MASTER.

SHOCK!
APOSTLE FIVE?!
SINCE THE SECOND AGE THEY HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAR, AND YET..
THIS WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF HOSTILITIES!
THAT IS OUR LEADER'S...
WILL.

THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO DEFEAT...
SUCH A DEFEAT CANNOT HELP OUR AIM.
EVERYONE, WE WILL BECOME MIGHTY BY MEANS OF OUR MASTER'S PRESENCE.
BY HIS HEART'S CONTENT
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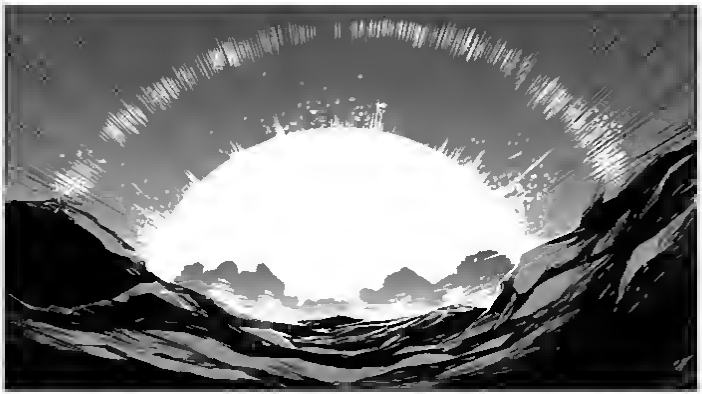
FIGHT BY HIS HEART'S CONTENT.

THUS

THE EMPIRE AND THE UNION'S TRUE BATTLE HAD BEGUN



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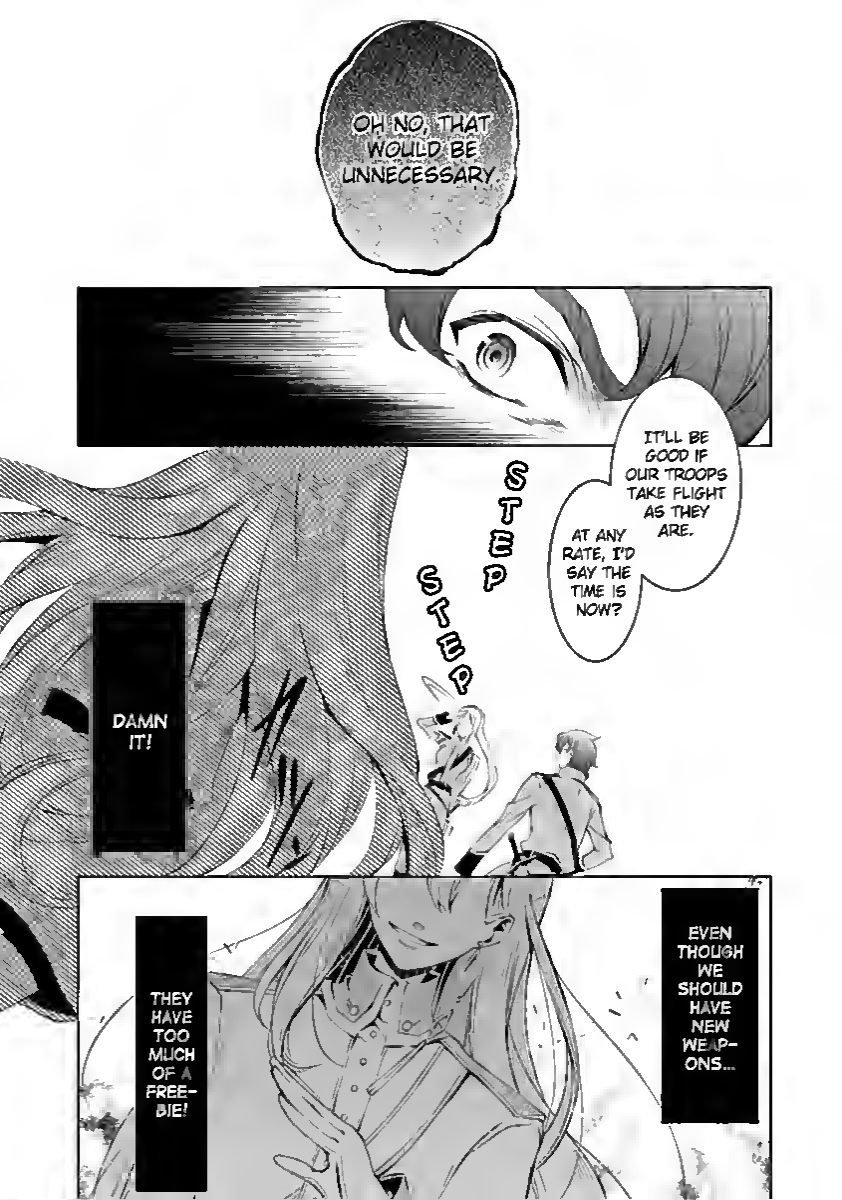
CRAP, THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
IS THE EMPIRE SERIOUSLY GOING TO HANG WITH THE DEMONS ..?!

IT SEEMS THE DEMONS HAVE TAKEN UP POSITION ON THE OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ROAD THAT GOES BETWEEN MT. FIYU AND THE CAROLINE PLATEAU.
I REPORT THAT THE DEMONS HAVE APPEARED...

I PROPOSE WE REEXAMINE OUR TACTICS
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

THE MAJOR GENERAL WON'T UNIFY THE COMMAND SYSTEM FOR ALL THE MEMBERS.
ONLY I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS THORN GUY WOULD APPROVE.
SIGH
WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE OUR FORMATION AT THE LEAST, HUH?
IS THAT RIGHT ...?


OH NO, THAT WOULD BE UNNECESSARY.
IT'LL BE GOOD IF OUR TROOPS TAKE FLIGHT AS THEY ARE.
AT ANY RATE, I'D SAY THE TIME IS NOW?
STEP
STEP
DAMN IT!
EVEN THOUGH WE SHOULD HAVE NEW WEAP-ONS...
THEY HAVE TOO MUCH OF A FREE-BIE!

THIS DOESN'T CONCERN ME AT ALL!!
SMILE
AFTER THIS I SHALL TAKE DIRECT COMMAND

INT-ERES-TING

DEMONS, HUH?
I'VE DISCOVERED THEM AT LAST.
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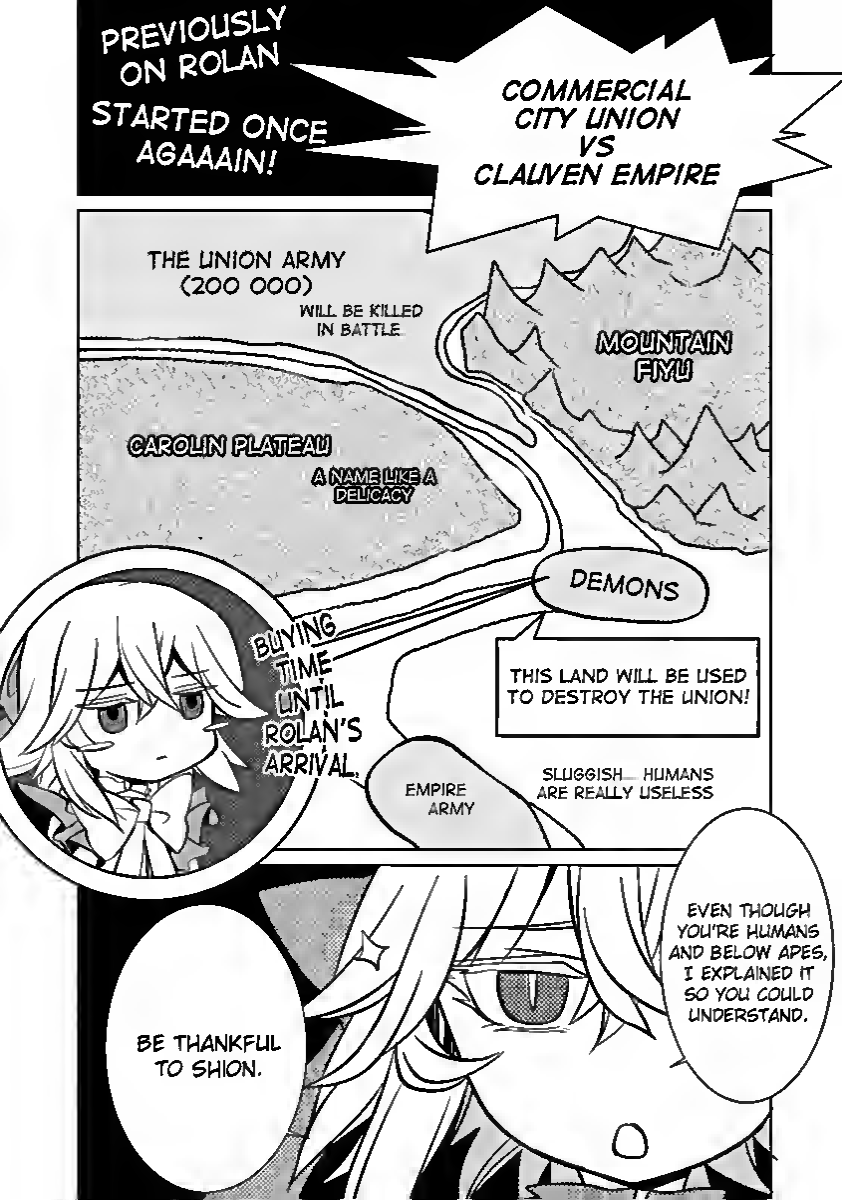
PREVIOUSLY ON ROLAN STARTED ONCE AGAAAIN!
COMMERCIAL CITY UNION VS CLAUVEN EMPIRE
THE UNION ARMY (200 000)
WILL BE KILLED IN BATTLE
MOUNTAIN FIYU
CAROLIN PLATEAU
A NAME LIKE A DELICACY
DEMONS
THIS LAND WILL BE USED TO DESTROY THE UNION!
BUYING TIME UNTIL ROLAN'S ARRIVAL.
EMPIRE ARMY
SLUGGISH... HUMANS ARE REALLY USELESS
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE HUMANS AND BELOW APES, I EXPLAINED IT SO YOU COULD UNDERSTAND.
BE THANKFUL TO SHION.

CHAPTER 14

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STORY. YOSHINO TAKUMI
ART HADUKI TSUBASA

TO THE REALM OF DEATH.
FWOOSH
BLACK BIRD!

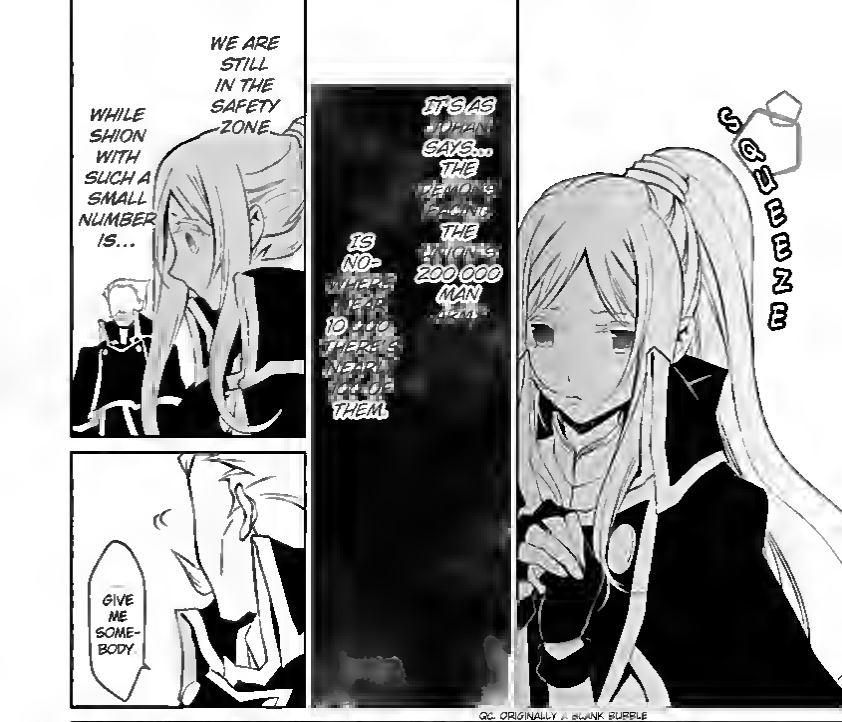
WOBBLE
EEK!
FWOOOSH
DE-DEAD!?
AFTER THAT STRANGE BIRD FLEW THEY'RE ALL—!
FWOOOSH
WHAT! WHAT IS THAT CHILD!?
SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT HUMAN!
THEN THOSE ARE THE RUMOURED—!

SWOOSH
RUUU-UN!!
FURY
DEMONS!!?
RUN!
RUN
MON-!
MON-STER!
A A A A A A A
BREAK THE ESCAPING ENEMY'S ARMY.
THE REST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS AND ATTACK!
YES!

SWOOSH
SWOOSH
ZOOM
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW
BOOM
AT...
AT THIS RATE, WE WILL BE FALLING BACK!?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!!?
...
WELL THEN

WHY DON'T WE
INTRODUCE THE NEW WEAPON?
THEN ... WE WON?
T A P
THERE COULD BE SEVERAL HUNDRED CORPSES HERE.
OUT OF 200 000. THAT'S NOT EVEN SCRAP. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE UNION'S MAIN FORCE MIGHT HAVE LOST THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT FAST.
WHERE IS SHION AND THE OTHERS!?
F W H O O O O
MOST LIKELY THE REMAINING UNION SOLDIERS ESCAPED TO OTHER END OF THE PATH.
SHOULD WE FOLLOW THEM.

THEN LET US QUICKLY CATCH UP WITH SHION TOO!
IN ANY CASE, WE FOLLOWED HER TOO FAR!
YOUR HIGHNESS DID YOU FORGET THE AGREEMENT YOU MADE WITH THEM BEFORE DEPARTURE?
MOREOVER, I'M THE COMMANDER. DID YOU FORGET THE CONDITIONS ON WHICH HIS MAJESTY ALLOWED YOUR HIGHNESS TO ACCOMPANY US?
THAT'S NO BUT...
IF WE PROTECT THIS PASSAGEWAY AND USE THE TERRAIN TO FIGHT THE UNION
IF WE USE THE MANPOWER OF 10 000 SOLDIERS THEN IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE
HOWEVER, IF THEY END UP LEAVING THE PATHWAY .. WE'LL HAVE TO CONFRONT THE ENEMY'S LARGE ARMY FLAT OUT.
FROM THE BEGINNING, THE RECKLESS DIFFERENCE IN OUR ARMY'S MADE THIS A MARCH TO DEATH.
ROAR
ON THE CONTRARY, WE WELCOME IT.



QC ORIGINALLY A BUNK PURPLE

RIDE TO THE END OF THIS PATHWAY AND CONFIRM THE SITUA-TION!!
YES!
FIRST WE'LL AFFIRM THE SITUATION AT THE OTHER SIDE.
AND WE'LL CHECK IF WE SHOULD BRING REINFORCE-MENTS

I, JOHAN CHRISTIANSEN, KNOW AT LEAST HOW TO TREAT ALLIED FORCES ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, LET US ALSO CONSIDER BRAVING THE DANGER.
NATURALLY, WE'RE IN THE DESIRED SPOT BUT...
...JOHAN.
...SHION!!

MY GREAT LORD...
FIGHTING ONCE MORE UNDER YOUR COMMAND...
DASH
THUD
SHION IS OVERJOYED!!
THE SURROUNDING ENEMIES HAVE GONE IT SEEMS SHION IS AT THE END OF THE LINE
SITUATION CONFIRMED
JUMP

FWOOSH

FURY IS CONTINUING THE FIRST ADVANCE
— BUT THIS IS STRANGE

IT LOOKS AS IF THE ENEMY'S ARMY IS BEING COMMANDED
THE WHOLE OF UNION ARMY IN THE SURROUNDINGS HAVE SCATTERED. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR ENTIRE FORCE, THE ENEMY'S FORMATION HAS NOT CRUMBLED

IT FEELS AS IF THEY'RE AIMING TO PULL THE DEMONS SOMEWHERE
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE BEING SURROUNDED
EVEN IF THEY ARE ENCIRCLING US, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR A DECISIVE BLOW
OR IT SHOULDN'T BE
FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF THEY SHOOT ARROWS OR CUT WITH SWORDS, THEY'RE POWERLESS IN THE FACE OF SHION'S ARMY OF DEMONS.
DID THEY FORGET THAT THE DEMONS DANCE IN THE SKY?
BUT ONCE IN THE SECOND ERA

WE UNDERESTIMATED THE HUMAN SPECIES AND YIELDED TO THEIR COUNTERATTACK.
...SHION HAS TO STOP FURY
BORN INTO THIS ERA, SHE IS STILL YOUNG AND DOESN'T KNOW THE HUMANS.

FURY!!
EH?
WHAT HAPPENED, FURY?
THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENT IS STRANGE.
PULL OUT FOR NOW.

CHASE AWAY THE UNION IN MY STEAD.
WHEN THE 10 001ST BATTLE BEGINS,

FU-RY?

FWOOSH
IT'S NOTHING.

BOOM
WHOOSH

WOULDN'T I BE GOING [illegible] MY LORD'S WILL?
WITH-DRAWING

THE ONE LIMIT OF A DEMON EVEN A LITTLE EXCEPTION IS IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE AN ABSOLUTE RULE
FWOOSH
THE DEMON LORD'S COM-MAND TAKES PRECE-DENCE ABOVE ALL ELSE.

AND WHATEVER HE DIDN'T TELL ME DOESN'T EXIST— THE WORD "SURRENDER" DOESN'T EXIST!
HE DIDN'T TELL ME IT WAS GOOD TO SURRENDER!
DESPITE SHION-SAMA'S WORDS
I CAN-NOT GO AGAINST THIS RULE.

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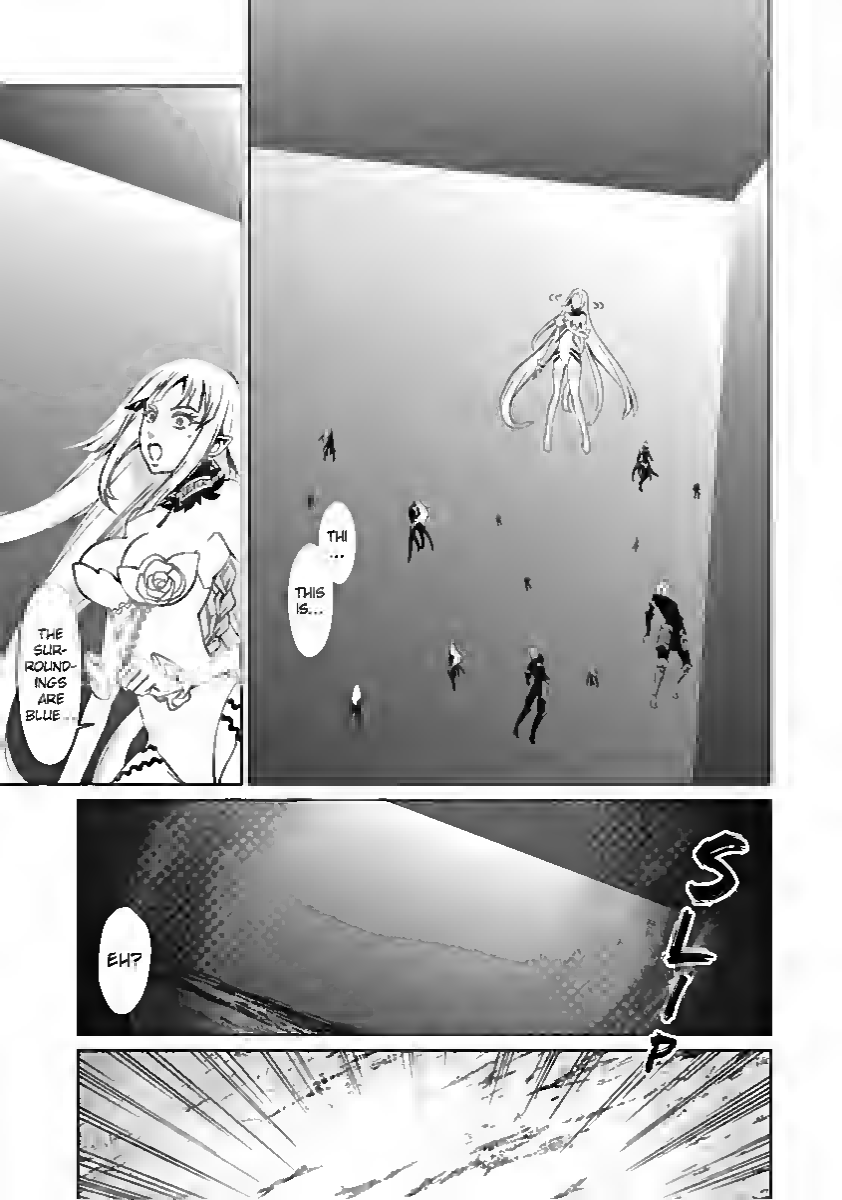
THE SUR-ROUND-INGS ARE BLUE...
THI...
THIS IS...
EH?
SLAP

THUD
...OU-CH!
WE'RE SUR-ROUND-ED!?
NOW!
SHOOT!!
SHWIP!
HMPH
YOU LEARN NOTHING, HUMANS.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT US WITH ARROWS?
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
...EH?
IT'S WORKING!
CONTINUE SHOOTING!
KILL THE DEMONS!

WHY !?
THE SHIELD IS NOT UP!?
SNAP
!!
EVERY-ONE! IT'S THE BLUE SPACE!
HURRY AND LEAVE THIS BLUE SPACE!
UNRAVEL

THE MAGIC...
SMASH
THIS...
THOK
OHO... INTER-ESTING.
SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE BOUNDARY OF DESPAIR

THEY CAN'T USE MAGIC...
INSIDE THAT BLUE BARRIER...?
ROAR
THIS IS... THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
CLENCH
AT THIS RATE
IN THIS CASE, THEY CAN'T USE BOTH MAGIC AND SELF-REGENERATION.
IT'S A NEW ANTI-DEMON WEAPON.

WHEN DIRECTLY RESONATING WITH A STAR'S CORE, IT'S A TRAIT OF DEMONS TO GAIN THE POWER TO USE MAGIC, BUT
THE "BOUNDARY OF DESPAIR" CUTS THIS CONTACT
INSIDE THAT FIELD, BOTH HUMANS AND DEMONS CAN'T USE MAGIC.
INSIDE THAT BARRIER, THE ENEMY WHO'S NOT USING MAGIC IS SUPERIOR
IT'S, SO TO SPEAK, A "DEMON POWER ISOLATION" BARRIER.
THE CORE FORCE OF SHION'S DEMON FORCE IS MAGIC.
THEY DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH WEAPONS SUMMONED BY MAGIC.
IF YOU TAKE IT AWAY, THEY BECOME AS FRAGILE AS HUMANS
HUMAN SCUM!

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FELTNER.
GRAB
SMIRK
IT'S A MILITARY TRANSGRESSION.
THAT'S OPPOSING ORDERS, FELTNER.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS CAPITULATION.
WE HAVE ALREADY WON!

SNAP
DESPICABLE!!
YOU JUST CURL UP IN YOUR SAFETY BUBBLE AND WHEN THE DANGER'S OVER, YOU TALK NONCHALANTLY LIKE THAT!!
UP UNTIL A MINUTE AGO, YOU WERE TREMBLING IN THE BACK!!
BA...
BASTARD ... ARE YOU SAYING I'M A COWARD !!?
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE REAL THING! WHAT'S WRONG WITH SAYING THAT YOU'RE A CHICKEN!
RUMBLE
THE COUNTRY DOESN'T NEED A GUY LIKE YOU!

SMASH
FUSHAA
-E-!

ENEMY!?
SMILE
SHION-SAMA MY DEEPEST... APOLOGIES.
EEK!
PLEASE SPARE--
... YOUR PUNISHMENT.

SHOOT THIS DEMON DOWN!!
KA-CHING
T/N: L.T. AS IN "LOST TECHNOLOGY"
YOU THOUGHT I'D SAY THAT!?
L.T. WEAPON SQUAD!
CRACK
HISSS
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT'S RIGHT.

SHUDDER
EEK!
THIS IS OUTSIDE THE FIELD...!!
STEP
STEP
SAVE ME!
PLEASE SAVE ME!
SOME-BODY PLEASE SAVE ME!

YOU DEMON VER-MIN!!!
FWOOSH
HIN-DRA-NCE
SLASH
THUD

!!
JUMP
PITY, ISN'T IT!!
SHOOT HER !!!

THE OPPO-NENT IS A DEMON!
SHOOT HER UNTIL SHE DOESN'T MOVE!!!

SHION, WITHOUT HER MAGIC, FACES THE IMMINENT RUTHLESS ARROWS...!
◆魔力のないシオンに無慈悲な矢が迫る…!!

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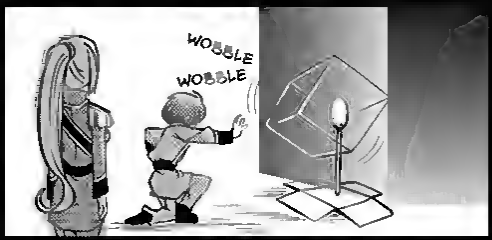
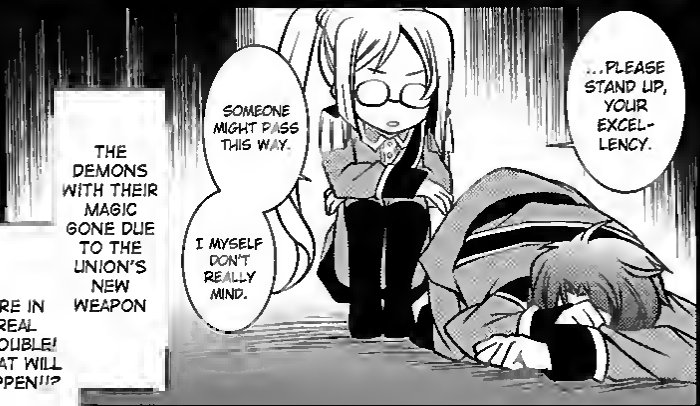
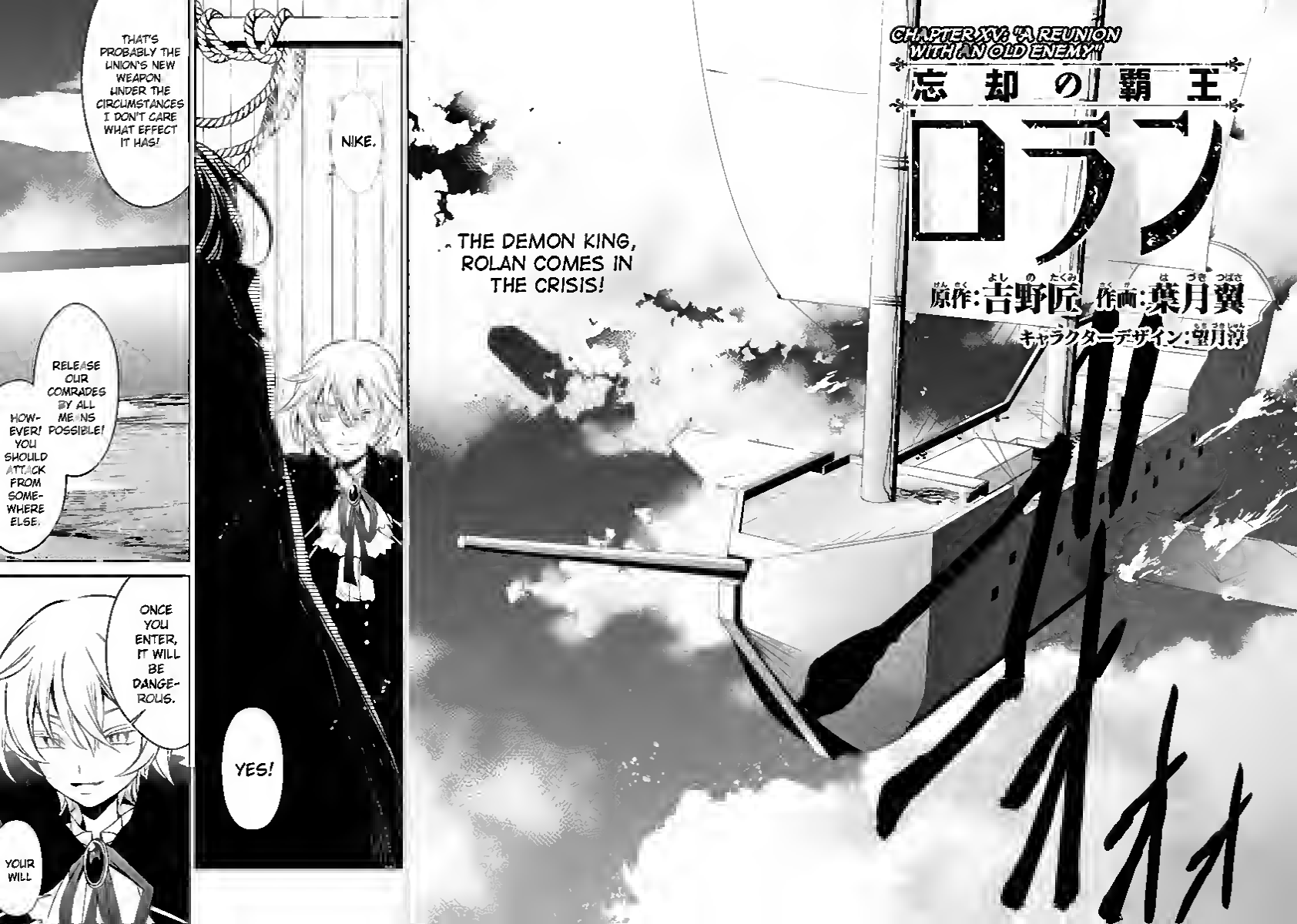

WOBBLE
WOBBLE


...PLEASE STAND UP, YOUR EXCEL-LENCY.
SOMEONE MIGHT PASS THIS WAY.
I MYSELF DON'T REALLY MIND.
THE DEMONS WITH THEIR MAGIC GONE DUE TO THE UNION'S NEW WEAPON
ARE IN REAL TROUBLE! WHAT WILL HAPPEN!!?

ROOAAR
UNDER THE LT WEAPON.
CRUSHING DEFEAT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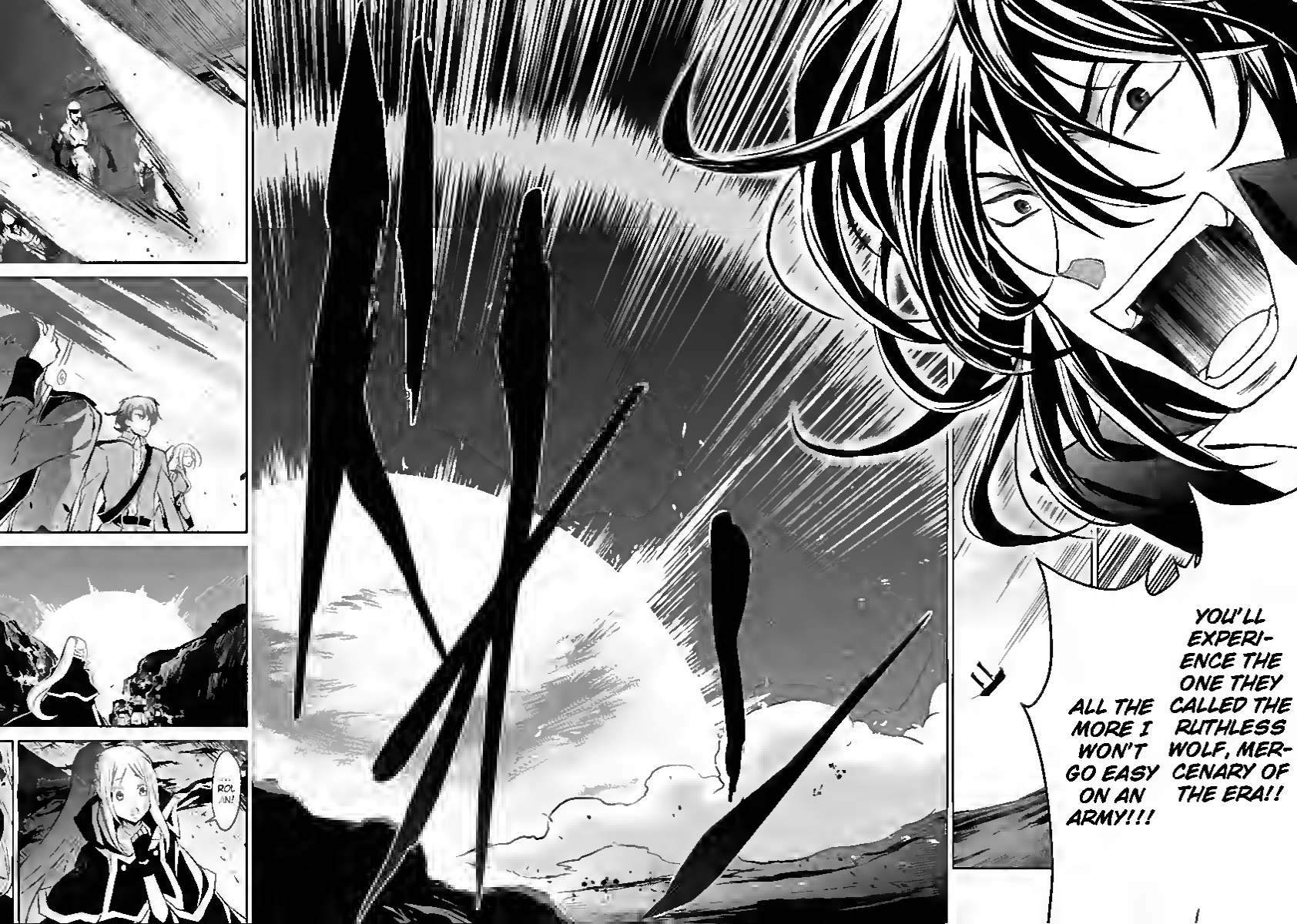
THE DEMON KING, ROLAN COMES IN THE CRISIS!
NIKE.
YES!
ONCE YOU ENTER, IT WILL BE DANGE-ROUS.
YOUR WILL
HOW-EVER! YOU SHOULD ATTACK FROM SOME-WHERE ELSE.
RELEASE OUR COMRADES BY ALL MEANS POSSIBLE!
THAT'S PROBABLY THE UNION'S NEW WEAPON UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I DON'T CARE WHAT EFFECT IT HAS!

I WANT YOU TO ATTACK THE UNION'S ARMY IN THE MOST FLASHY AND GRANDIOSE WAY AS POSSIBLE!
MAKE THEM FEEL FEAR TO THE BONES!!
...AS YOU WISH.
LORD DEMON KING, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHISPER
YUKI, CAN YOU INFORM OUR ALLIES WHO HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED FOR THE FRONT?
Y-YES!
ALONG WITH EVERYBODY I WILL SORTIE, WE WILL USE NORMAL WEAPONS
ROAR
ROAR
THEN YOU WILL SORTIE WITH ME
WITH HIS LORD DEMON KING!? HOW WONDER-FUL!
TIGHT UP
OF COURSE, YOU CAN FLY TOO?
YOU WILL BE OUR ESCAPE.
EH?

IF I CHANGE THE CURRENT WITH THE BOAT, IT WILL BE QUIET!
MY LORD, DEMON KING!
WE'RE FALLING!
ROAAR
ROAAR
HAHAHA!!
ISN'T THAT GOOD INSIGHT! BUT THAT'S OK!


...ROLAN!
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE THE ONE THEY CALLED THE RUTHLESS WOLF, MERCENARY OF THE ERA!!
ALL THE MORE I WON'T GO EASY ON AN ARMY!!!

I ALSO HAVE TO LIVE UP TO HIS EXPECTATIONS.
ROAR
AHAHA-HAHA!
THIS IS .. HE'S USING PRECIOUS LT WEAPONS THIS WAY.
IF THE TELEGRAPH MESSAGE IS ACCURATE, THEN
THE WEAK POINT OF THIS WEAPON IS IN THE DEVICES PLACED AT THE FOUR CORNERS.
THE REINCARNATED VERSION OF MY LORD IS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT.

FLARE
SWISH
SHION-SAMA...
I... IT'S MY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
WE'VE ACHIEVED OUR DUTY.
LOOK,

OUR LORD HAS COME...
CHEER
TO HAVE MY POWER SEVERED THIS MUCH
A LONG SLEEP UNTIL MY LOST POWERS RETURN
BUT IT WILL TAKE TIME

FROM THE PASSAGEWAY
I CAN HEAR CHEERS
...ETOILE
WHAT A FOOLISH DEED.
WITH THIS, WE, WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOUR SMALL EMPIRE FORCE, WILL BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN POINTLESS SCAPEGOATS...

FSSSHH
... SHION SAMA!
SO YOU CAME.
WHOOSH
NIKE
THE BARRIER IS BROKEN!
WHY?
L...
LOOK THERE !!!

HISSSS
THE DEMONS' WOUNDS ARE HEALING!
M-MONSTERS!
DAMNATION GALE!!
FWOOSH
DAMMIT!
RUSH
WHOOSH
... THOSE TOYS AGAIN.

LAND
SSSSHIT
LAND
hmph

EXCLUDING THE FINAL YEARS OF THE [illegible] ERA, THE APOSTLES WERE NEVER THROWN INTO THE BATTLEFIELD.
BUT THIS TIME
FROM THE BEGINNING TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHT ACCORDING TO OUR LORD'S WISHES
IS OUR HONOUR!

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THE SIBLINGS OF LIGHT AND SHADOW HAVE JOINED,
NOT LONG NOW BEFORE THIS FIGHT HAS BEEN SEEN THROUGH.
FURY, TAKE THE ONES WHO ARE UNHURT AND GO CURE THOSE WHOSE WOUNDS ARE DEEP
UNDERSTOOD
...UMM
AND YOU SHION-SAMA?
SHION WILL ALSO JOIN THE FIGHT

WHOOSH
WHAT
WHAT IS THIS?
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
UWA-AH!

I CAN INCREASE OUR NUMBERS.
YOU WANT TO CALL SOMEBODY? THOSE 2 SIBLINGS ARE USELESS, RIGHT?
NO, NO.
IT'S GOING TO BE OK EVEN IF I DON'T CALL ANYBODY
We're not with the Empire army are we.
THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US HERE.
TCH
EXCUUSE ME
UUM
BEFORE WE NOTICED, THE UNION HAD RELEASED THEIR MAGIC CORPSE INTO THE FIGHT!
THAT'S DIRTY!

I WILL MAKE MORE OF MYSELF.
I WILL DO MY BEST.
FOR MY LORD DEMON KING...
NO, NOT THAT.
FOR ROLAN-SAMA'S SAKE.
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF

TA
DAKI

CHATTER
WHA... WHAT IS THIS?
IS IT THAT MAN'S MAGIC!?
CL--
CLONES !?

NOBODY TOLD US ABOUT THIS!!
WELL, NOBODY TOLD ME EITHER...
SLASH

TA-DAH
ROLAN-SAMA! I'VE DEFEATED ALL OF THEM!!
SHY
A-AAH,
YOU'RE AMA-ZING.
LIEU-TEN-ANT GENE-RAL!
CLACK CLACK
SHE REALLY TOOK CARE OF THEM IN JUST AN INSTANT
JO-HAN!
YOU CAME!
... YOU SPEAK AS DISRE-SPECT-FULLY AS ALWAYS.

SNEAK
YOU CAME. DOES IT MEAN THAT THERE WERE RESULTS?
OF COURSE
I BROUGHT REASSURING ALLIES.
OH AND
THE DEMON'S LT WEAPON.
WHAT ARE THESE MONSTERS!
ARE THESE THE EMPIRE'S OR THE DEMONS' MAGICAL CREATURES!?
NO.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS KIND OF TECHNIQUE.
WE ALSO HAVE A MAGIC CORPSE, RIGHT!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!?
I'VE SENT A MESSENGER TO THEM BUT
A REPLY NOW IS.

"THE IMMOTRTAL FORCE"
AT THE END OF THE FIRST ERA, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF LIVING WEAPONS THAT THE EXILED DEVE-LOPED
IF YOU LOOK AT THEM, THEY LOOK LIKE AN ARMY OF GIRLS BUT IT'S THE ARTIFICIAL LIFE LEFT BEHIND BY THAT ANCIENT CIVILIZATION.
SHIT!
CONFIRMED: THE UNION'S MAJOR GENERAL
ANNIHILATE AT ONCE
DETECT THE COM-MAN DER
ENEMY
THUD
FWISH
ENCIRCLE AND DEFEAT HER!

NOW! YOU THERE! KI---
THUD
STRIKE
I CAN'T AFTER ALL!
tap
tap
VOICE
VOICE PRINT AFFIRMED
ENOUGH! DON'T BE ABSURD AND WITHDRAW!!
MASTER'S ORDER ACCEPTED.

JUST NOW...
WHOOSH

YOUR NAME... OH RIGHT, IT ISN'T A NAME IT'S A SERIAL NUMBER.
WHAT'S YOUR SERIAL NUMBER?
IT IS... SERIAL NUMBER 13.
I SEE.
DON'T BE SO RECKLESS

WHOOSH
UNDERSTOOD

COMRADES?
I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE DISPOSABLE.
RETURN BACK TO YOUR COMRADES.
THE BETA PEOPLE THAT ARE THE SAME AS YOU.

--NOW THEN...

CHILL
WHAT IS THIS...
THIS UNEASINESS.
...ETOILE?
ROLAN'S SKYSHIP CRASHED!
HE MIGHT NEED MY HELP!

I HEARD FROM JOHAN THAT ETOILE WENT WITH THEM

SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON STANDBY AT THE END OF THE PASSAGEWAY BUT

SHE WOULDN'T JUST WAIT QUIETLY AND OBEDIENTLY!!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S POSSIBLE!!
I'M GOING TO SAVE--
DAMN TROUBLE-SOME WOMAN!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!!
...WHERE YOU GOING, ROLAN FLAMBERGE?

I WON'T DIE 'TIL I KILL YOU.
SO YOU'RE ALIVE?
... LEON.

NO.
FOR LONG YEARS AND MONTHS I'VE BEEN LIVING, PROWLING IN CESSPOOLS OF TRASH
PURSUING THE DEMONS WHERE-ABOUTS!
BUT HOW ABOUT THIS!
NOW EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR! ALL OF THEM!!
THEY'RE HERE!!!
DEMONS!?
UNTIL I ERADICATE THE ENTIRE DEMON RACE!

I'LL START WITH YOU!!
I'LL RETURN MY DEBT FROM 10 YEARS AGO!
ROLAAAA-AANNN!!!
CLANG

SHOVE
YOU SHOWED UP AT A REALLY BAD MOMENT!!
PLEASE BE ALRIGHT...!!
THIS MAN IS ... LEON!!
ETOILE ...!!
THIS MAN WHO KNOWS ROLAN'S PAST IS...!?

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PREVIOUSLY ON ROLAN
LONG TIME NO SEE! IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE LEADING ROLE'S APPEAR ANCE
OH? WHO'S THAT? ME! IT'S ME!
OK.
Union soldiers
UNPARALLELED TWINS'
EVERYONE'S ON A RAMPAGE!
SNAP!
I... KILLED EVERY-OOOONE ....
YUKI UNPARALLELED
ACCEPT ELIMINATION LUNE UNPARALLELED
DID ROLAN ACCOMPLISH HIMSELF IN HIS FIRST ROLE!?
AH! ETOILE IS IN DANGER!
PING

ETOILE ...!!
WHAT HAPPENED, ROLAN!?
YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE SLUGGISH!!
SWOOSH
KANK
I OVERESTIMATED YOU!
OR DID YOU NAP THESE PAST TEN YEARS !!?
YEAH, I COULD'VE SLEPT THOSE TEN YEARS. IT WAS A VERY RELAXING LIFE!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DIDN'T YOU ALSO HIBERNATE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS!?
THIS GUY... HE'S EVEN STRONGER THAN 10 YEARS AGO!!
ANYWAYS, OUT OF THE WAY!

I MET LEON TEN YEARS AGO
HE WAS KNOWN AS A MERCENARY, AND I HAD ALSO HEARD OF HIS NAME BEFORE, BUT,
WI ONLY MET THERE AND THEN
AMONG THE THIEVES WHO SNUCK INTO THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN ORDER TO KIDNAP ETOILE
THERE HE WAS

DON'T TELL ME HE SURVIVED WITH THAT WOUND?
AT THE TIME I OUGHT TO HAVE MADE SURE IF HE WAS DEAD OR ALIVE AFTER ALL
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO DEAL WITH YOU!
SHOOM
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR!

YOU'RE NOT WHO YOU APPEAR TO BE ROLAN FLAMBE-RGE.
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SAME AS ME.
LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG.

...EVEN WITH DEMON BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH YOU, YOU'RE JUST TOO WEAK.
WHAT...?
WHAM

..HA-HA... HAH-AHA!
CRASH
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT BEING A DEMON?
YOU DOTARD!
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'VE FINALLY BECOME WORTH FIGHTING.

SHION WILL
KILL THAT MAN!!!
ROL-AN-SAMA!
FWISH
SHION, YOU SAID!?
.....!

WHAM
WHY ARE YOU HERE.....?
IT'S ALREADY UNUSUAL FOR DEMONS TO BE HANGING OUT WITH THE EMPIRE.
...WHY?
BUT FOR EVEN YOU TO BE HERE!!
...YOU SHAMELESS PERSON.
OMINOUS
HOW DARE YOU SHOW YOUR FACE BEFORE SHION!

THE VERY POPULAR VOLUMES 1-3 ARE NOW ON SALE!!
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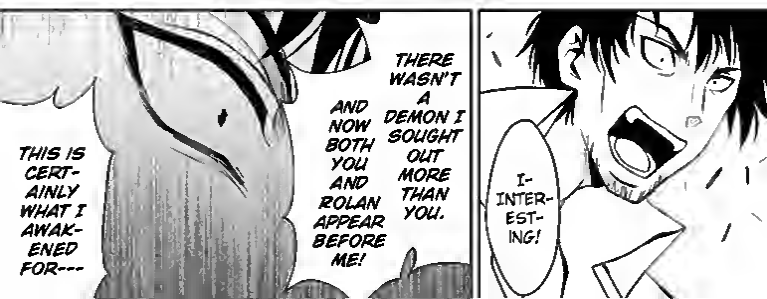
THE BATTLE IS NOT FINISHED


I-INTER-EST-ING!
THERE WASN'T A DEMON I SOUGHT OUT MORE THAN YOU.
AND NOW BOTH YOU AND ROLAN APPEAR BEFORE ME!
THIS IS CERT-AINLY WHAT I AWAK-ENED FOR---

SMASH
DIEEEEEEEEE!!!

IS THIS SHION RIGHT NOW SERIOUS!?
YOU BECAME WEAKER THAN IN THE PAST!
DID YOU ALSO NAP UNTIL NOW?

NO, NO WAY
CREAK
HA HA HA!

!!
HE STOPPED THE BLOW!?
SHION'S BLOW...
SHION'S...!!

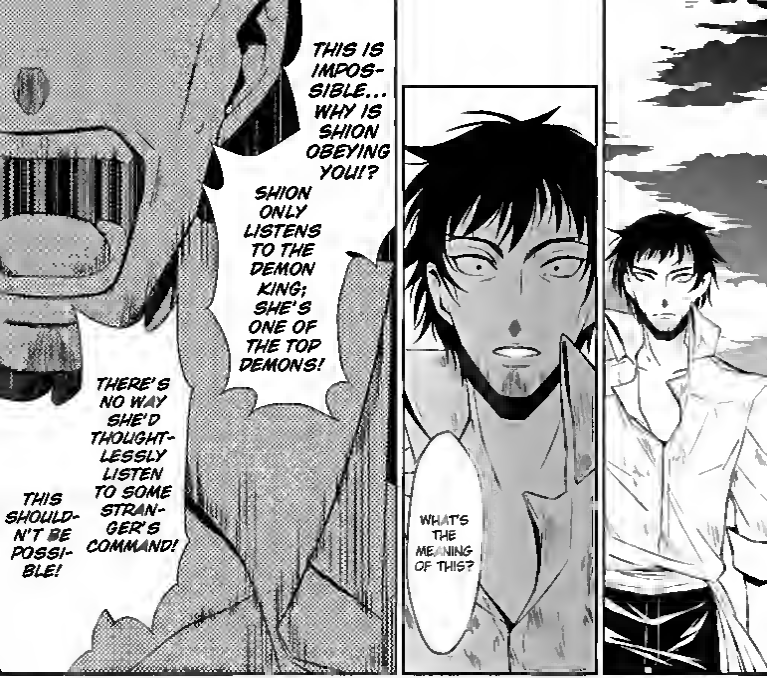
WHOOSH
SHWIPP
...YOU SHOULD GO AND DIE.

SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
HA-HA-HA!
HIT
TOO BAD, SHION.
I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
I'M READY TO ERADI-CATE YOU DEM-ONS!
THAT'S THE REASON I LIVE FOR.
AND IT'S THE REASON I WILL LIVE!

BLUEING SLAVE
IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU DIED THIS TIME TOO.
ENOUGH, SHION.
THIS IS MY BATTLE.

ROLAN-SAMA
I LEAVE ETOILE TO YOU
...
OK?
YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF FURY-SAN AND ETOILE.
BUT... THIS MAN IS... DANGER-OUS.
WHY ARE YOU SO UNEASY?
YOU'RE FASTER THAN I AM.
YOUR WILL IS ABSO-LUTE.
YOU WILL PASS THE APPR-OPRIATE JUDGMENT ACCORDING TO YOUR FEELINGS.
EVEN THOUGH IN TRUTH YOU WANT TO GO YOUR-SELF.
YOU PUT YOUR ENTIRE TRUST...
AND IN THIS SHION

NOW SHION WILL LOOK AFTER ETOILE.
..I UNDERSTAND YOUR WORDS.
SHION IS OVERJOYED
LOWER
FLAP...
HOWL
NOW THEN,
SHALL WE CONTINUE OUR BATTLE!?


THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE... WHY IS SHION OBEYING YOU!?
SHION ONLY LISTENS TO THE DEMON KING; SHE'S ONE OF THE TOP DEMONS!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D THOUGHTLESSLY LISTEN TO SOME STRANGER'S COMMAND!
THIS SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

AREN'T JUST SOME DEMON'S REINCARNATION ARE YOU?
YOU...

ANSWER ME, ROLAN FLAMBERGE!
WHAT ARE YOU!!?

ROLAN FLAMBERGE
JUST ANOTHER EMPIRE GENERAL..

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS
WHAT ARE YOU? YOU SEEM TO KNOW SHION
There must be a reason
A HUMAN?
OR A DEMON?
I SEE.

THEN I'LL ASK AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE COVERED IN BLOOD!!
CHARGE
I'LL KILL YOU ONCE MORE !!
I HAVE NO DUTY TO ANSWER YOU.

DRIP
ポタ
IT'S...
PLUNK
IT'S THE SAME AS LAST TIME...
ISN'T IT?
NO MATTER HOW MANY DEMONS I SLAY,
THAT MOVE.
IMPOS-SIBLE!
MY...
MY EYES...

...WHAT.
THUMP
WHAT IS THIS?
...WHAT HAPPENED?
.....?
SINCE A MOMENT AGO, I WAS EXCITED ABOUT THIS MAN.
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY EYES?
THIS FEELING
THUMP

KILLER INTENT
HATRED,
THUMP
A VIOLENT HATRED I CANNOT REMEMBER.
THUD?
KILL THIS MAN THIS VERY INSTANT.
殺してやりたい
GASP!
I REALLY WANT TO
DODGE !!

BANG

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE INTERFERED ...!
THIS WAS MINE AND ROLAN'S FIGHT!!
DON'T GET IN THE WAY!!

A
GUN

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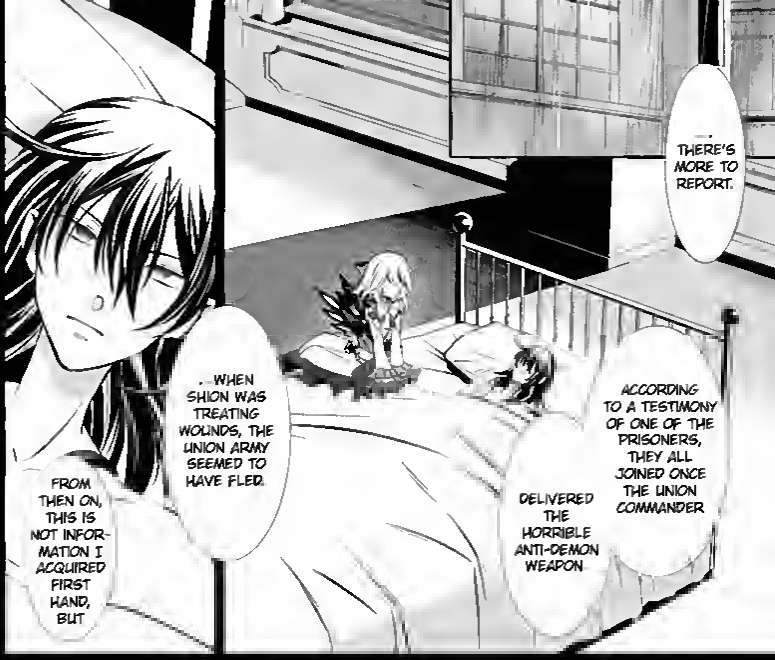
AMENTI
.....

ALL OF THIS PAGE IS NARRATION
THE BATTLE HAS ENDED FACED AGAINST THE BRAVE CLAUVEN ARMY, WHOSE OFFENSIVE WAS REINFORCED BY THE DEMON FORCE, AND DESPITE THEIR POWER DIFFERENCE
THE UNION ARMY WITHDREW.
EN ROUTE, THE SOLE COMMANDER OF THE UNION ARMY, WITH A PECULIAR JUDGMENT,
DECIDED HIS OWN ARMY'S WITHDRAWAL

THERE WERE VICTIMS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE UNION.
BOTH HUMANS AND DEMONS, IT DIDN'T MATTER.

AND OF THE DEMONS CAPTURED BY THE NEW WEAPON
90% OF THEM WERE SAVED. BUT DESPITE THE DEMONS HEALING POWERS, THERE WERE SOME CASUALTIES.

IF WE SPEED UP THE NATURAL HEALING POWER YOU'LL HEAL IN A MATTER OF DAYS.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THERE'S MORE TO REPORT.
ACCORDING TO A TESTIMONY OF ONE OF THE PRISONERS, THEY ALL JOINED ONCE THE UNION COMMANDER
DELIVERED THE HORRIBLE ANTI-DEMON WEAPON
...WHEN SHION WAS TREATING WOUNDS, THE UNION ARMY SEEMED TO HAVE FLED.
FROM THEN ON, THIS IS NOT INFORMATION I ACQUIRED FIRST HAND, BUT

A CONSTANT RINGING SOUND.

THE UPROAR IN MY CHEST IS CONTINUING.

WHEN SHION REACHED THE EMPIRE TROOPS, THE EMPIRE KNIGHTS WERE ALREADY DEAD.
I HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY PUT HER TO SLEEP WITH MAGIC.
AFTER-WARDS ETOILE'S TRACE WAS
OBSCURE.
OBS-CURE ...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN OBSCURE?
SHE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
ROLAN-SAMA.
...IN THE CHAOS, THEY FOUND HER
AND I THINK THEY KIDNAPPED HER.

MINE...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
ETOILE...!!

THE PRIN-CESS?
YES!
SHE'S STILL SLEEPING FROM THE MAGIC.
I SEE
UNION UNDERGROUND ESTABLISHMENT PIONIER
WEL-COME TO PIONIER
PRIN-CESS ETOILE

THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE LT WEAPONS HIDDEN IN THE CLAUVEN EMPIRE.
THE STRONG LT WEAPON INHERITED BY GENERATION AFTER GENERATION OF CLAUVEN ROYALTY.
YOU WILL TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THAT WEAPON,
PRINCESS?
DRAWING HIS POISONOUS FANGS ON THE CAUGHT PRINCESS!!

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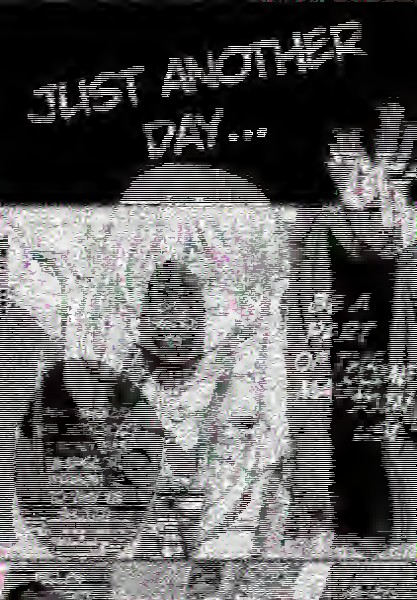
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